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TAGS: MIL, MASS, BG, UK

SUBJ: BANGLADESH TO PURCHASE BRITISH FRIGATE

1. ACCORDING TO OFFICER AT THE UK HIGH COMMISSION, REAR ADMIRAL M.H. KHAN, CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF AND ONE OF THAITHREE DEPUTY CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATORS, HAS TOLD A VISITING MANCHESTER GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT OF THE BDG'S DECISION OF PURCHASE HMS LLANDEFF, A 2000-TON FRIGATE ARMED WITH FOUR-INCH GUNS AND ALSO FITTED FOR GUIDED MISSILES. THE BDG WILL LAY OUT SOMETHING UNDER TWO MILLION POUNDS STERLING (ABOUT \$3.5 MILLION) IN CASH FOR THE VESSEL. SOURCE CONFIRMED

THESE DETAILS AND ANTICIPATES GUARDIAN STORY WILL APPEAR ANY DAY NOW.

2. COMMENT: THIS EXAMPLE OF BDG EAGERNESS TO OBTAIN ARMS, COMING ON THE EVE OF THE MAY 25-26 BANGLADESH AIR GROUP MEETING, COULD WELL COLOR DONOR ATTITUDES.

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